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Photo: Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care



MC4 - support for EMF Kuwait, first deployed hospital to gain total visibility from battlefield

Total visibility is not just about shipments - it's about PEOPLE, too

Source: Medical for Combat Casualty Care (MC4)

FORT DETRICK, MD, May 9, 2007 - In May, the United States Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait (EMF Kuwait) will become the first deployed hospital to gain total visibility of inpatient medical procedures completed on the battlefield. Deployed medical providers will gain the ability to send inpatient healthcare information to a central data repository in the US, where it can be viewed from anywhere in the world. The Army's Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) program will begin training, fielding and supporting EMF Kuwait commanders and medical providers on how to use the software called TC2 (Theater Medical Information Program Composite Health Care System Caché) on their ruggedized MC4 systems immediately.

"I'm excited it's coming," said Captain Daniel Hansen, EMF Kuwait Chief of Professional Services. "This upgrade will give hospitals in theater greater visibility. We'll be able to learn what procedures have taken place at each facility that a Service member visits without the hassle of trying to track down paper records. Service members will know that their doctors have accurate, digital access to records of care and they [patients] won't have to reiterate what was done."

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LTC Clayson, MC4's Commander and Product Manager, and a team of training and integration experts will remain onsite when EMF Kuwait launches the upgrade, taking advantage of what was widely considered a gap in the digital medical recording process. To date, users only had worldwide access to outpatient medical information recorded on the battlefield.

"I believe that having this type of visibility will mean better care," Hansen said. "A Service member recently arrived at our facility after being operated on twice in Iraq due to an improvised explosive device wound. With TC2, his orthopedist will know exactly what was done, potentially saving the Service member from a redundant operation."

Decision-makers using MC4 systems for medical situational awareness will benefit from the upgrade as well. "Commanders will be able to keep track of human resources allocated to inpatient procedures and know that good communication exists between their medical staff and the medical staff at other deployed military treatment facilities as well," Hansen said.

With EMF Kuwait as the starting point, MC4 plans to complete the upgrade to all of its users throughout OIF and OEF by the close of 2007. The effort involves mobilizing pre-existing MC4 embedded resources for comprehensive training and systems integration. For EMF Kuwait, and soon all medical treatment facilities using MC4, the impact will most impact Service members.

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For information on MC4, visit the organizational home page at www.mc4.army.mil. And check out [Gateway](#) - the MC4 monthly resource for updates on the military's electronic medical recording initiative.

PDK - 101



The Portable Deployment Kit (PDA) is a streamlined, mobile "solution in-a-case" leveraging RFID, satellite and other wireless technologies to help soldiers automatically track military supplies in remote field operations. It was developed by Savi Technology [a Lockheed Martin company], provider of active RFID-based supply chain solutions, in conjunction with industry partners and the DOD's Product Manager, Joint-Automatic Identification Technologies. The PDK is a breakthrough "mobile chokepoint solution" integrating several Automatic Identification and Data Collection (AIDC) technologies, including bar codes, 2D bar codes, active RFID and GPS location with satellite communications – all in a single carrying case. And, it's versatile: the PDK can be used whenever the need arises to track supplies in near real-time and there is no fixed reader infrastructure available, such as public disaster or logistics operations in the oil and gas, chemical and construction industries. **PDK BREAKTHROUGH BENEFITS** * Enables logisticians to rapidly locate, order and transport the right supply chain asset to the right area of operation at the right time without a fixed RFID infrastructure; * Provides satellite communications to the DOD's ITV network, which is the world's largest active RFID cargo tracking system.

The PDK consists of a laptop PC with management software, a handheld mobile reader and a portable printer. The system can be plugged into the powered slave cable of a military vehicle in the field, like a Hum-Vee, thereby eliminating the need for a laptop battery and reducing the weight of the portable system. It's small and compact and avoids the requirement for a fixed technology infrastructure.

Soldiers in transit no longer need to find their way to US military facilities – often located in unfamiliar and potentially hazardous terrain – to plug in to a local area network (LAN). Instead, the computer technology they need is at hand in the PDK.

From Savi Technology - a Lockheed Martin Company

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Officials visit Fort Dix

FORT DIX, NJ, May 14, 2007 - After touring Fort Dix Army post, Congressman Jim Saxton (NJ-3rd) and Senator Frank

Lautenberg were briefed by the post commander and then held a joint press conference at the new gate on Route 68, Lautenberg promoted a bill he is sponsoring, S. 1237 (in the House referred to as H.R. 2074), called "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2007."

"We will do whatever is necessary to see that our troops and our military have the tools they need to protect themselves from terrorist attacks," Lautenberg said. "We have a great appreciation for the work that was recently done to protect Fort Dix."

"I was impressed by Fort Dix's security measures that are in place," Saxton said. "The checkpoints are manned by heavily armed personnel, and they use an assortment of procedures to reduce risk, including employing technology." Reporters asked Saxton about his bill to boost base security across the nation with detailed background checks of non-military visitors to bases, such as vendors, contractors and delivery drivers. Saxton first introduced the measures in 2003, and portions of it were included in 2005 legislation signed into law.

"My plan is to offer these improvements to base security as an amendment to the defense bill," said Saxton, whose legislation is backed by Congressmen Frank LoBiondo, Rob Andrews and Chris Smith.

Fort Dix, an Army post Saxton helped save from closure in 1989 and 1991 with Lautenberg's support, today has a daily average population of over 16,000 soldiers, including both permanently-based military personnel and temporary stationed troops on training exercises or in preparation to deploy overseas. Together with 17,000 people who live and work on McGuire Air Force Base, and the 3,000 who work at the adjacent Lakehurst Navy Base, over 30,000 people are normally on the upcoming "Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst" at any given day.

The Joint Base's 60-square miles span Burlington and Ocean Counties. It is the only Army-Navy-Air Force installation in the country.



Veterans Business Directory

A New Way to Support US Veterans

Charleston, SC, May 11, 2007 – VetFriends.com – the largest Web site for reuniting veterans, active military, family and friends – encourages Americans to remember those who have served our country even after Memorial Day by visiting their online directory of veteran-owned companies and professionals free at www.vetfriends.com/business.

Currently, over 1.5 million businesses owned by veterans exist; 80% have served during a time of conflict. You can thank them for their service by doing business with them. The Veterans Business Directory allows you to find services and products browsing by city, state and category of interest, ranging from plumbers to realtors to security experts and IT. Listings provide company descriptions and contact info.

Veterans interested in listing their business or service along with companies who currently employ veterans, can learn more by clicking on the "Business Listing Options" link. All registered businesses will receive up to 10 free Veterans Business Directory logo stickers to display and show their pride. For veterans interested in information on starting a new business, VetFriends.com also offers a free "Business Resource" section with guides, links, tips and more to assist vets. Other features include: people search to make contact with old friends; information on how to obtain military records and medals; message boards; upload past and present photos; military jokes; search and post reunions; military products and discounts and MORE!

VetFriends.com currently has over 764,000 members, attracting over 150,000 visitors per month. It was founded by USMC veteran of Desert Storm, Dale F. Sutcliffe who has helped thousands of people to reconnect spanning World War II through to the present. Over 12,000 businesses have registered in the Veterans Business Directory. For further information and/or interview opportunities please contact VetFriends.com.



DOD Announces

Pilot Language Corps

The Department of Defense (DOD) announces the implementation of a pilot "The Language Corps" over the next three years. The pilot Corps will include no fewer than 1,000 members drawn from all sectors of the U.S. population. Members will have the opportunity to join a dedicated pool or a national pool of linguists.

The Language Corps, formerly the Civilian Linguist Reserve Corps, represents a vital new approach to address the nation's needs for professionals with language skills. This is an integral component of the Defense Department's comprehensive language roadmap and the President's National Security Language Initiative.

"The department is confident that a successful Language Corps will not only address gaps in federal preparedness, but also serve to reinforce the importance of language skills in the American population and the US education system," said Gail McGinn, deputy under secretary of defense for plans.

The corps will be an entirely civilian organization managed by the DOD for the federal sector composed of members who will voluntarily join and renew their membership.

The national pool will consist of a larger national data base of volunteer members with certified language skills who may be available for activation for federal service during times of war, national emergency or other national needs.

The dedicated pool will be comprised of a smaller number of members who will have contractual arrangements with dedicated federal sponsors and who agree to perform specific responsibilities and duties and serve a specific number of days per year. Selected members of the pools will be involved in activation exercises during the second and third years of the pilot effort. These activation exercises will involve DOD, the intelligence community, and other federal organizations.

The June DTJ has LOTS to share - including a **Round UP Celebration of Flight** sharing ideas for you to enjoy and learn more about aviation. Evergreen International Airlines, a long standing NDTA Chairman's Circle member and home of Evergreen Aviation Museum & the Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute, is spotlighted.

The **Evergreen Aviation Museum** offers aircraft exhibits and full library research library options. While collections and archive material are core to the Museum; accompanying stories and artifacts present up-close examples of human achievements that have brought us to this current place in history with reference to math, science, teamwork, determination, perseverance, and technology in addition to aviation sciences.

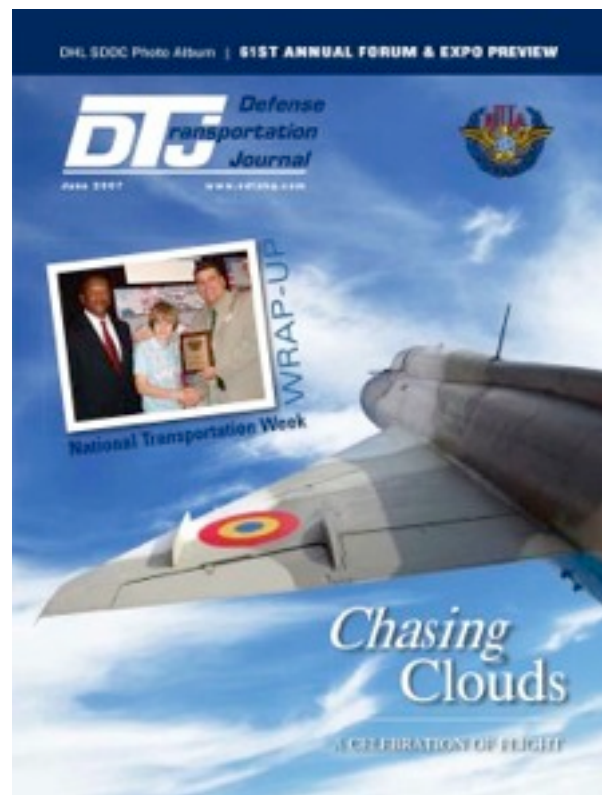
The educational center is named for Captain Michael King Smith, whose fascination with flight began in childhood. Smith's passion for flying led to his dream of an aviation museum unlike any other - a living museum that celebrates aviation's rich history, honors the patriotic service of our veterans and offers enlightening educational programs. Smith was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force in 1989 and went on to become an F-15 pilot and Lead for the 123rd Fighter Squadron of the Oregon Air National Guard. At the same time, he served as President of Evergreen Ventures, Inc., and Evergreen Air Venture Museum. He was founder of the Evergreen-Doe Humane Society and President and Founder of Quality Aviation Services. Captain Smith died tragically in an automobile accident in 1995.



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Report on Iraq's infrastructure from the USA Corps of Engineers

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NDTA 61st Forum Previews

Round UP - Chasing Clouds

WASHINGTON, May 31, 2007 - The US Defense Department said Thursday it would take at least another week to decide on the next stage of a multibillion-dollar transatlantic competition to build as many as 145 light cargo aircraft for the U.S. Army and Air Force.

"I am expecting some sort of a decision to be made in a week to 10 days," said Cheryl Irwin, a department spokeswoman.

The department did not make clear whether the announcement of a winner would follow quickly or whether complications might delay the process. **Read ON..**



WASHINGTON, DC April 26, 2007 – Five hundred disabled American heroes will converge on Milwaukee June 19 – 23 to test their agility, athleticism and strength of spirit in the 27th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. Veterans from the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq will again join veterans from the Gulf War, Vietnam and other conflicts in 17 competitive events.

Heroism and Athletics Converge in Milwaukee This Summer

"The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are a chance for disabled veterans, who receive the benefits of VA's world-class health care, to share in the camaraderie of friendly competition," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "The determination, stamina and competitive spirit on display at the Games are an inspiration."

The Wheelchair Games, presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments. For the first time at the Games, a demonstration track event will be held for athletes who are able to stand using prosthetic devices.

The Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee and the Wisconsin chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) are hosting the 2007 Games. Veterans competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games come from nearly all 50-states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Great Britain.

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NDTA Corporate Members who will help sponsor this worthwhile event in Milwaukee!



Roadway Mobile Museum

AKRON, Ohio - Roadway is proud to present the third season of "Time of Greatness" Tour - a mobile museum dedicated to the history of Negro Leagues Baseball. The tour will stop in 15 cities throughout the 2007 baseball season, including a first-time stop in Denver, Colorado. Many of the "Times of Greatness" Tour stops also coincide with Negro Leagues heritage days at the stadiums. This unique 53-foot mobile museum includes a dynamic tour



through the rich history of Negro Leagues Baseball featuring historic photos, video, artifacts, uniforms and other memorabilia. "Roadway has done an admirable job connecting the history of a past era with values that are still in place today... my father would be very proud," stated Robert Paige, Roadway driver and son of Satchel Paige.

This year's tour will feature a special tribute (including video, audio and artifacts) to John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, who passed away on October 6, 2006, at the age of 94. Buck O'Neil had a selfless dedication to the sport of baseball, serving as chairman of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and on the Veteran's Committee of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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MOBILE MUSEUM Summer Schedule



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June 22	Milwaukee Brewers
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August 18	Chicago Cubs
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Second Annual Patuxent Summer Institute US Military's Relations with Media, NGOs and Foreign Military

Five years into the Global War on Terror (GWOT) and more than four years after US forces entered Iraq, the second annual Patuxent Summer Institute will focus on three key topics at the center of the future of the US military: the changing relations between American armed forces and the media, NGOs and international military cooperation. How the US military relates to the media, to non-government organizations and to foreign military services will be the focus of this 2-day forum. In its second year, the forum is a cooperative effort between the college and The Patuxent Partnership.

"Our goal," said Zach Messitte, director of the college's Center for the Study of Democracy and assistant professor of political science, "is to bring together two very different cultural groups — students and staff of a liberal arts college and members of the military defense community — to see what each can learn from the other. We've chosen three key issues that we feel will affect the future of the military."

According to Louis Hicks, professor of sociology at SMCN who is currently a visiting professor of social sciences at the US Army War College, "It's fundamental to democracy to involve other sectors of society in what the military is doing, to appreciate a different perspective. The idea is that our military is much different than it was in the past. Today the military needs to regularly interact with non-military entities. That's the discussion all these panelists will bring to the table."

To learn more
Visit The Patuxent Partnership's [Web Site](#)
See the NDTA Home Page at
www.ndtahq.com
to sign up for this Forum



The RFID Solutions Center is now offering "Prepare, Design and Deploy RFID Solutions for DOD Logistics". Taught by RFID subject matter experts, this course guides students through the science,

standards and breakthrough technologies behind successful RFID implementations, covering such relevant topics as: optimal tag placement, deployment options, conducting site surveys, programming readers, managing the effects of materials on tagging, and more.

The RFID Solutions Center (RSC) Dayton, a division of **Alien Technology**, is an advanced facility dedicated to the application of RFID technology. The center provides enterprises, government agencies and their partners the opportunity to evaluate the latest RFID technologies and collaborate with world-class partners in simulated real-world settings. Use of the RSC's warehouse and manufacturing environments enriches the training experience and provides a hands-on environment for learning. Information about RSC training and services can be found at www.rfidsolutionscenter.com

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Greetings from the Charleston Chapter!

We were very lucky to be selected as the site for the 61st NDTA Forum, which was made 5 years ago. Luck was not the only factor - but also hard work of Gen. Mikolajcik our Senior Advisor, our chapter members and the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. This is the first time the Forum has ever been held in Charleston. Our team beat out a tough field of competitors, from places like Orlando and Nashville. They had to convince the NDTA site selection board that Charleston was the BEST location. This is truly a big honor for us and we are very excited about this event that will bring about 1500 visitors to our home. The Forum will be centered at the North Charleston Convention Center. Attendees will stay in hotels in the area around the convention center.

Our chapter will be providing Forum support. Contacts are: Volunteer Support, Ron Westall; Spouse Tours; Judy Riley, Anne Bergin, April Fletcher, Candice Vasquez; Transportation, Steve Bright; Promotion and Communications; Terry Williamson and Dr. Kent Gourdin. If you are interested in helping with one of these areas contact one of the folks listed or Ron Westall at his e-mail address, Ronald.Westall@Charleston.af.mil

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Our Chapter Web Site is up, at www.charlestonndta.com thanks to Pat Logan. Share your feedback with him.

**Looking forward to seeing you
in Charleston!**

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Meeting Notes from Charleston
location for NDTA's 61st annual
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Forum and Exposition

April Meeting

Speaker: Major Christopher J. Henslee, USAF, Charleston AFB SC, 437th Airlift Wing, Chief of Wing Tactics. **Topic:** The new Joint Precision Airdrop System or (JPADS). Major Henslee explained a quote from a briefing provided by Capt Mark Nutsch, US Army, who commanded the first Special Forces team that went into Afghanistan on 24 Aug 2002. "...one thing uniformly lousy: the 'precision' air drop of supplies. The C-130 folks had promised to go in at 400' to drop their stuff in a 100m circle. Instead, they flew at several thousand feet and often missed by half a mile." "We can drop bombs right onto 10 digit grid locations, but miss with logistics drops by half a mile. We need the equivalent of JDAM for logistics drops." JPADS is the "JDAM" for Logistics! Major Henslee said, JPADS provides increased accuracy of ballistic high altitude airdrop and provides precision airdrop with guided systems that affords aircraft/crew protection due to altitude. He also stated that JPADS allows precise delivery to multiple DZs on a single run-in. The Air Mobility Command achieved JPADS fledgling capability on 1 Aug 06 and limited support to the Army on 1 Nov 06.

May Meeting

At our May meeting we hosted, Susan Stevens who is the Director of Airports for the Charleston County Aviation Authority. She has served the Aviation Authority for almost 20 years in a variety of management positions. Sue graduated magna cum laude from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, with a BA in Business Administration. Before joining the Aviation Authority, she worked as a Management Analyst, a Financial Analyst, and Vice President of Finance of an architectural firm. Sue earned her accreditation as an Airport Executive in 1994 and has served the American Association of Airport Executives on various committees, on the Board of Directors, and as President of the Southeast Chapter. She is also an active member of the community through involvement with the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, the North Charleston Breakfast Rotary, and various other organizations. She did an outstanding job of briefing our members on the plans to expand the Charleston Air Port.

June Meeting

Tour of the Force Protection Facility, June 14th
This facility builds armored vehicles for the
Army, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Op-Ed: Our Vanishing Military Deterrent

ARLINGTON, VA, May 30, 2007

Source: The Air Force Association

The so-called baby boomer generation has witnessed a remarkable transformation, and reduction, in the military threat to our nation's security and survival. We have gone from fearing a global nuclear holocaust that threatened to end civilization as we know it, to fearing that a rogue state or terrorist group might sneak a single small nuclear device into one of our major cities. The NATO alliance has been transformed from a huge defensive force guarding against a likely Warsaw Pact invasion from the East, to an expeditionary force dealing with far less serious threats around the periphery of Europe. The threat of a major conventional attack on one of America's key allies has virtually vanished because of our demonstrated ability to quickly crush any such attacker.

The daily drumbeat of news about Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Korea and Palestine, amplified by the 24-hour news cycle, makes it hard to recognize and appreciate how secure we are today relative to the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s. But in fact, America is more secure today than at any time since before the Second World War.

Credit for that happy state of affairs goes to a thoughtful, enduring policy of containment that earned bipartisan political support for more than 40 years; an economy whose growth dwarfed that of the rest of the world; and sustained investment in military capabilities sufficient to deter the threat of nuclear attack by the former Soviet Union, and so superior today as to make the most ambitious of tyrants shrink from the prospect of facing them in a conventional force-on-force battle. The insurgents we fight in Iraq and Afghanistan are dangerous people, but they do not threaten our survival and they can only win if we lose our will.

Unfortunately, our narrow and short-sighted focus on the insurgent threats of today threatens to deprive us of the very capabilities that deny our adversaries the option of engaging in more costly forms of aggression. America's dominance in the air and at sea is vanishing. The very capabilities that gave us this unprecedented level of security are being neglected while political leaders debate the wisdom of continuing the fight in Iraq. Any investment not directly related to that threat is questioned as a legacy of the Cold War. It is not too late to reverse these trends. We can still preserve the conventional military capabilities that have proven so effective in deterring major threats to our security, but the window of opportunity is closing fast.

In 1987, just twenty years ago, we had 393 long-range bombers. Today we have 181. The Air Force fielded 798 air superiority fighters in 1987. Today it has 522. It had 2,235 multi-role and attack fighters. Today it has 1,982. In 1987 the Navy had 15 Aircraft Carrier Battle Groups with 14 air wings and 568 battle force ships; today it has shrunk to 11 Carriers, 10 air wings and 276 battle force ships.

It is not just our forces that are vanishing, but the industrial base that supports them as well. The Air Force budget request for 1987 included funding for 264 combat aircraft. Its request for 2007 included just five. The Navy's 1987 budget funded 17 new battle force ships. The 2007 budget funds seven. If we make the very generous assumption that the average useful life of aircraft is 25 years and of ships 35, sustaining the current force will require production of 90 combat aircraft (bombers and fighters) each year for the Air Force and 7.5 battle force ships for the Navy. And because of the procurement holiday that began in the early '90s, we will have to exceed those rates for many years. Ninety-four of those 181 bombers are more than 40 years old and 433 of the Air Force's fighters were built prior to 1982. The budget proposed for 2008 funds 26 Air Force combat aircraft. Every year of such neglect puts us deeper in the hole.

Sustaining our conventional deterrent capabilities will cost a lot of money, especially when we buy them at such low rates of production. But their value as a deterrent to major conventional conflict dwarfs that cost. We have driven the threshold of violence our foes are willing to consider to a relatively low level. We owe it to future generations to preserve the capabilities that made this possible. The Air Force Chief of Staff says his Service needs \$20B a year more than currently programmed to reverse its decline. The Navy probably needs a like amount, and that estimate may actually be too low – for both Services. The Defense Department's budget, not including war supplementals, will have to grow by 8-10% a year and then keep pace with inflation to accommodate these needs.

Federal outlays in 2007 will exceed \$2.7 Trillion. That's \$2,700 Billion! America can afford to spend another \$40-50B a year to keep her sons and daughters from dying in a war that could have been deterred.

General Richard E. Hawley retired from the Air Force in July 1999

MTC Holdings

NEW YORK, NY – May 9, 2007 AIG Global Investment Group (AIGGIG) and Christopher Redlich, Jr. today announced that Highstar Harbor Holdings III, Inc., a subsidiary of AIG Highstar Capital (Highstar), entered into a definitive agreement with Mr. Redlich to purchase 100% of MTC Holdings (MTCH). Terms were not disclosed. MTCH is one of the largest independent terminal operators in the US with extensive operations on the West Coast and growing operations on the East and Gulf Coast regions. MTCH provides a full suite of stevedoring and terminal operating and logistics services with operations at 32 terminals at key strategic ports, including Oakland, LA/Long Beach, Seattle/Tacoma, Baltimore and Savannah. MTCH CEO Doug Tilden and the existing MTCH management team will continue to manage the business following acquisition by Highstar. [Read ON](#)

SAVI

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA - May 22, 2007 - The Swedish Armed Forces has contracted with Savi Technology to deploy its Savi Consignment Management Solution (CMS), which enables in-transit military supplies to be automatically located, tracked and managed. Savi Technology, a Lockheed Martin company, designed CMS to interoperate with similar Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-based, in-transit visibility networks, which Savi Technology has also deployed for the US Department of Defense, NATO and the defense forces of seven other countries.

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ARINC

ANNAPOLIS, MD, June 4, 2007—ARINC Engineering Services, LLC, today announced it has been awarded an 18-month contract to provide the United States Marine Corps with an overhaul of the emergency procedures section of the KC-130J's flight manual (NATOPS). ARINC as prime has teamed with subcontractor Convergent Knowledge Solutions, LLC on the contract. Convergent is a pioneer in procedures development and error management in high risk industries.

The contract is a first for ARINC and the second of its kind for Convergent, which is currently completing similar work for the U.S. Coast Guard. The companies will upgrade the manual's OEM procedures, making them compatible with industry-standard, two-pilot, glass-cockpit flight procedures and the recently updated normal operating procedures. [Read ON](#)

ABF

FORT SMITH, AK - May 31, 2007 ABF Freight System, Inc.®, has been recognized by the American Trucking Associations (ATA) for exceptional security practices, earning the 2007 Excellence in Security Award from the ATA Security Council. The 2007 award was presented in Orlando during the group's annual Trucking Security and Law Enforcement Conference and Exhibit. Including the inaugural award in 2001, ABF® has earned the Excellence in Security Award an unprecedented four times. [Read ON](#)

NDTA Award Recipient

AMHERST – With college behind her, Joanna Bridge is ready to start the military career she has dreamed of since she was a little girl, and last Thursday at the White House, Bridge received a presidential send-off. [Read ON](#)

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